

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2372
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2003
COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS TO RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have drawn up guidelines for the proposed Community Radio Stations;
- (b) if so, whether the Government would allow educational institutions and universities to set up such facilities in rural areas;
- (c) if so, whether the content of the transmissions would conform to the existing programme code of the All India Radio;
- (d) if so, whether any commercial promotions would be accepted on this new channel; and
- (e) if not, the sources for its sustenance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A copy of these guidelines is enclosed at the Annexure.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e) The licensee would not be permitted to air advertisements or sponsored programmes. The applicants are required to mobilize their own resources for setting up a Community Radio Station.